

REMARKS

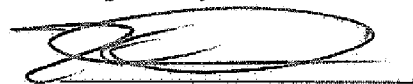
Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. By this Amendment, Applicant has incorporated the subject matter of claim 14, which the Examiner has acknowledged to be allowable, into independent claims 1, 9, 11, and 18, and cancelled claims 5, 14, and 15. Therefore, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-4, 6-13, and 16-21 are all the claims pending in the application.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-4, 6-13, and 16-21 are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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